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The Weather
Arkansas: Not much change in temperature in east and south, colder in northwest portion tonight.

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Giraud vs. de Gaulle

Nation Is More Than an Army

Two minor headlines in the news this week caught my eye — because they go a long way toward explaining to Americans why the political situation in French North Africa is confused — why it could not be otherwise.

Russia Hints She Intends to Keep Baltic Republics

Washington, Feb. 12 — (AP) — Considerable interest has been aroused in official and diplomatic quarters here by a broad hint from Moscow that post-war planners would do well to keep their hands off Bessarabia and the Baltic republics acquired by Soviet Russia in 1940.

All of these territories were taken over by Russia during the Nazi Hitler's conquest of the lands and France and his subsequent preparations for the battle of Britain. Russo-German relations at the time still were ostensibly peaceful under the 1939 non-aggression pact, but commentators in Allied countries were quick to point out that the occupation of Bessarabia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania must have infuriated Hitler.

After Hitler's attack on Russia in 1941 the same commentators stressed the defensive value to Russia of the newly acquired areas and added that now it could be understood why Russia fought for and obtained bases in Finland in the winter war of 1939-40.

Now that Hitler's armies are retreating, however, and retreating on a scale that suggests they soon may have to evacuate the Bessarabian, Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian areas from which they drove Stalin's armies in 1941, talk has revived in some quarters as to the future status of these and other territories of eastern Europe.

This is where the broad hint from Moscow comes in.

It is contained in an editorial published in Pravda Feb. 8 and now reprinted in an English translation in the information bulletin of the Soviet embassy here. Pravda's words habitually get wide diplomatic attention, because that paper is the official mouthpiece of the Communist party. They receive even more careful study when they are reprinted for emphasis in the embassy bulletin here.

This Pravda editorial criticizes an American columnist (Constantine Brown, Washington Evening Star) for appearing to suggest that Russia seeks not only the destruction of Germany's military might but the domination by Russia of large areas of Europe, not to mention a pathway "through Iran to the Persian gulf."

It also rebukes him, however, for asserting that the question of the future status of Bessarabia and the Baltic republics is still an open question, subject to future discussion among the powers.

It notes that the columnist "kindly presents us with Bessarabia on the behalf of unknown Americans. Why should he not make a general statement of California or Alaska to the United States? Do there not exist curious people who are ready to present to the Soviet union parts of the latter's own territory, as, for instance, the Baltic republics? These persons pretend not to know that the basic law of our country — the constitution of the USSR — has fixed the ties between these republics and the other union republics, and that the Red Army heroically fights for the honor, independence and integrity of our state."

In view of Pravda's official function, this statement is considered an authoritative reminder from Moscow that the future status of Bessarabia is no more open to question than the future status of California or Alaska, and that the Baltic republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are considered by the Soviet Union as "parts of the father's own territory."

Newsman Promoted

Camp Robinson, Feb. 12 (AP) — Walter E. Hussian, of Texarkana, Camp Robinson public relations officer, has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain, Col. Grover C. Graham, camp commander, announced.

In civil life Captain Hussian is vice-president and business manager of the Texarkana Gazette and News. He was formerly associated with the Hot Springs newspapers.

Says Industries Not in War Work to Suffer

—Washington

By JACK BELL
Washington, Feb. 12 — (AP) — Congress had a blunt warning from Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the War Production Board today that \$80,000,000 worth of guns, planes, tanks and ships cannot be produced this year without widespread business casualties in non-essential industries, which will lead to further rationing.

Nelson was disclosed to have told the Senate Military Committee in a closed hearing on manpower needs that the necessity of funneling a net of 1,800,000 additional workers into the munitions plants will have serious repercussions on the home front.

The contraction of manpower in less essential industries and a prospective increase of 4,300,000 in the armed forces may be such, Nelson testified that further rationing must be forced even where materials are available.

"We will have to reduce the amount of clothing produced and it will mean rationing clothing without question, even beyond the question of the amount of material which could be spared," he told the committee, adding:

"We had hoped this year to get by without rationing cotton or woolen clothing."

This testimony was given by the WPB chairman February 5, several days before he joined with Price Administration President M. Brown in a statement last Tuesday declaring at the present time there was no shortage of clothing and no need for rationing. They said supplies of wool were several hundred million pounds greater than when the United States entered the war.

In his testimony before the committee, however, Nelson was discussing only the manpower shortage and its expected effect on civilian industries.

In this connection he said: "It will mean a reduction in all of the industries which are now working making things for the civilian trade, for retail trades. It will reduce, in other words, the amount of goods that can be produced to supply retailers over the whole country, which will mean a reduction in the number of people employed by retailers."

Discussing the current goal which would boost the armed forces to 10,750,000 men by the end of this year, Nelson said he thought the judgment of military men must be accepted.

"I have felt that if they say they need this many people," he declared, "that we have to do our very best to find a way to provide them. It's going to be a very difficult job and there will be strains and stresses in every direction."

Objecting to classing civilian production as "non-essential," Nelson said the needs of the non-military portion of the population must not be overlooked.

"This question of civilian services is exceedingly important, in my opinion," he said. "If we curtail civilian services too far, we are going to impede war production."

Smith picked Senators Stewart (D-Tenn.), Wheeler (D-Mont.), Aiken (R-Vt.) and Bushfield (R-S.D.) to work with him as chairman in an effort to create public sentiment for higher farm prices that will "enable farmers to hire labor needed to produce food to feed this nation."

Aiken declared administrative agencies had developed a tendency "to do the wrong thing every time they act."

The 48-hour work week ordered by President Roosevelt, he declared, "will tend to preclude, rather than to induce a movement back to the farm."

"The 30 percent increase in an industrial worker's wages by reason of the eight additional hours will broaden the discrepancy between industrial and farm wages," Aiken said, adding:

"Farm prices must be permitted to rise, farm machinery must be made available, and workers must be diverted to agricultural areas if we are going to produce the food for ourselves and our Allies."

Newspaper Says Rommel Wounded

New York, Feb. 12 — (AP) — The Sun published a copyright dispatch from the Tunisian front today which said there was an unconfirmed report from a usually reliable source that Marshal Rommel was wounded in a recent heavy American bomber raid on Gabes, where the German commander was said to have had his headquarters.

The dispatch was from Gault MacGowan, Sun correspondent. It said Rommel was reported to be in a hospital at Tunis. The extent of his injuries was not indicated.

FDR to Discuss Foreign, Home Front Problems

Washington, Feb. 12 (AP) — President Roosevelt will talk to the nation by radio tonight for the first time since he returned Jan. 31 from a three weeks' trip to Casablanca and his historic "unconditional surrender" conferences with Prime Minister Churchill.

He chose Lincoln's birthday for the first of two broadcasts on foreign and domestic affairs, the second to be held in most states to climax a fund-raising drive by the Democratic national committee.

Tonight's speech will begin at 8:30 p. m. Central War Time, and will be about 20 minutes in length. White House officials said a wide range of foreign and "home front" developments would be covered.

For his battle front review, the president had as a backdrop the developing offensive in North Africa under the unified Allied command of General Dwight D. Eisenhower of the American forces which had an important place in the Casablanca conferences; the warning by War Secretary Stimson of possible heavy American casualties soon in that area; fresh agreements by high American, British and British leaders for coordinating drives against Japan and Undersecretary of State Welles' denunciation of Germany's detention of American diplomats from Vichy France as international blackmail of the cheapest variety.

The order to business and industry to increase the work week to 48 hours in labor shortage areas is expected to receive some attention in the president's discussion of "home front" problems.

Among domestic questions which he had an opportunity for study while preparing the speech were the controversies over price and wage control, equitable allocation of manpower for the army, farm and factory, prospects for additional rationing, need for greater food production, higher goals for munitions output, and postwar planning.

In deciding to address the Washington birthday dinners under the auspices of the Democratic National Committee the chief executive accepted an invitation from Postmaster General Frank C. Walker as committee chairman. These dinners have taken the place of the banquets formerly held on Jackson Day in January and are held in most states at the end of a month or six weeks' campaign for funds to finance the party's organization. Tickets are not sold because of the Hatch act ban against soliciting campaign contributions from federal employees, but in variations go out to those who contribute during the party fund drive.

As usual, the Washington dinner this year will be \$100 a plate, New York \$50, and elsewhere \$25 and possibly lower. To attend the local dinner, for example, a person must have donated \$100 to the party.

General Says Many Killed in Battle

Guadalcanal, Feb. 9 (Delayed) — (AP) — The battle for Guadalcanal was "a campaign of destruction by ground forces supported by powerful artillery," Major General Alexander M. Patch, Jr., said tonight with the announcement that the Japanese had been driven from this island.

"It was a matter of digging them out of the jungles and hills — fighting man to man," said the commander of the United States forces here.

"Technical advances have helped, but again, as in other wars, there had to be close contact. Somebody had to kill somebody."

Hogs Lose Gridder

Fayetteville, Feb. 12 (AP) — Virgil (Red) Johnson, full football and basketball guard, withdrew today from the university of Arkansas on receiving an Army Air force call.

Johnson is from Malvern and a junior.

Weather Might Delay Allied Push in Tunisia

—Africa

By DANIEL DE LUCE
Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Feb. 12 — (AP) — Unification of the Allied command in North Africa cleared the way today for an all-out offensive to drive the Axis from Tunisia, but observers believed bad weather might delay the final showdown a month or six weeks more.

Storms swept rain and snow across most of the Tunisian front yesterday and communiques issued both here and in Cairo disclosed no change in the military situation.

Light bombers attacked enemy targets at Sened, the rail town 20 miles west of Maknassy which an American task force captured and then evacuated last week. The Cairo bulletin told of patrolling and restricted aerial operations which included the destruction of an Axis seaplane anchored off the coast of Sicily.

(The British radio, elaborating on a Reuters report that British and French troops had advanced eight miles in the Mateur sector of the northern front after a dawn attack Wednesday, declared a second advance is now in progress.)

The broadcast was recorded by CBS. There was no confirmation of this report in the day's communiques.

While the British Eighth Army maintained pressure on Field Marshal Rommel by pushing 20 miles or so into Southern Tunisia, rain and mud continued to hamper operations in the north and it appeared unlikely any concerted large scale action could be attempted until conditions improve.

(A Reuters correspondent in the Mateur sector, 15 miles south of Bizerte, reported last night that British and French troops had advanced eight miles on the northern front after a dawn attack Wednesday, and indicated fighting was continuing. There was no mention of the attack in official advices, however, and its magnitude was uncertain.)

(The Italian high command communique broadcast from Rome said bad weather hampered all operations in Tunisia. It reported three Allied planes shot down, including two torpedo craft which were declared to have fallen before German fighters between Rhodes and Crete. Italian planes were declared to have bombed harbor installations of Bougie, Algeria.)

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, new Allied commander in chief, conferred with British middle east officers to perfect the plan of action and work out the complicated supply problems involved in any campaign as large as that which impends.

Allied leaders also busied themselves with new troop dispositions on the central Tunisian front, where fresh British and American troops took over mountain posts from weary and poorly equipped French forces which had borne the brunt of German armored attacks in January.

Blames Meat Shortage on Hoarders

Chicago, Feb. 12 — (AP) — Millions of tons of meat hoarded in refrigerated country food lockers, Joseph A. Kotal, secretary of the National Retail Meat Dealers Association, said today.

Kotal asserted hoarding in the lockers, where individuals may rent vaults to store meat to take care of their requirements for many months, was one answer to the meat shortage in many areas.

Statistics on the amount of meat held in lockers are not available, because government reports of such storage are not required, but livestock men said the figure is much higher than it ever has been. They said their reports indicated the lockers were "jammed."

Kotal said he had informed government agencies at Washington of the meat hoarding, and warned there was a danger of spoilage if there was any interruption in the electric power used by the plants to keep meat at below freezing temperatures.

McClellan to Speak

Little Rock, Feb. 12 — (AP) — U. S. Sen. John McClellan notified the legislature today that, in response to an invitation extended last month, he would address a joint House-Senate session here February 25.

Russian Pincers Clamp Nazi-Held Donets Basin, Extend Push to Kharkov

—Europe

By EDDY GILMORE

Moscow, Feb. 12 — (AP) — Breaking fierce resistance and smashing into deep German defenses and tanks, the Red Army today had stretched two strong arms around the vital Nazi-held Donets basin in Southern Russia and extended the threat to Kharkov, capital of the Ukraine, the Russians reported.

The longest arm clamped about the Donets coal country stretches east to west across the top of the basin, 200 miles from positions just east of Kamensk to Loozovaya, in the Ukraine on the Kharkov Crimean railway.

The other arm reaches north and south from positions east of Kamensk to Melikovo, on the northern bank of the Don river only 21 miles northeast of Novocheborsk.

Gen. N. F. Vatulin's Army thus has driven down toward Rostov through a corridor which provides him strong positions from which to move westward against the Donets basin and to hit at Rostov from its southern tip at Melikovo.

This arm reaches through Bogoyavlensk, 24 miles southeast of Kamensk; through Mechetny, 10 miles due south of Bogoyavlensk; through Zaitseva, 14 miles southwest of Mechetny; through Kerkich, 23 miles south of Zaitseva; and to Melikovo.

In taking Bogoyavlensk the Russians seized the last remaining miles of the Likhaya - Stalingrad railway and at Kerkich the Soviet troops were just 19 miles east of Shakhty, an important city between Kamensk and Rostov.

Kharkov, principal objective of the Red Army in the Ukraine, was flanked on the south by the surprise thrust that had carried the northern arm into Loozovaya, 75 miles due south of Kharkov and only 60 miles from the great Dnieper industrial region to the southwest.

Loozovaya's capture cut the main railway between Kharkov and the Donets basin and the Crimea. It

drove a wedge between the two large German armies on the southern front.

From Loozovaya the highly mobile Red troops offered a new menace to Kharkov, already threatened along a 50-mile front to the east; pointed a spearhead toward the Dnieper - Opetrovsk electric power area, and furnished another base in the Donets region from which to point south toward the Sea of Azov to trap the Axis defenders of Rostov.

Another segment of the Army trying to cut south through the Donets basin to the Azov shore continued fighting in the Kramatorsk area against heavy German counterattacks, the Russians said. This army was situated about 100 miles north of the Sea of Azov and about 120 miles northwest of Rostov.

About Rostov Red Army troops were reported taking more towns on the railroad line to the north.

(Elsewhere in the battle for the Caucasus, it was reported the Russian Black Sea fleet had pounded German shore positions in the western Caucasus and in four days had wiped out about seven enemy infantry companies, silenced 26 artillery and mortar batteries and destroyed ammunition dumps.)

(The report was contained in a broadcast from Moscow recorded by the London Soviet Radio Monitor. It credited a unit of Russian Marines with killing 1,600 Axis troops in two days' fighting ashore.)

(The German radio, reporting continuing landings of Russians on the Black Sea coast north of Novorossiysk, claimed dive bombers had attacked the Red Marines. The official German News Agency DB said German artillery fire had balked a Russian flank attack across the ice of the Sea of Azov near the Don Estuary.)

(Fighting north of Kharkov, in the Belgorod and Kursk sectors, continued with more Red Army gains, the Russian midnight communique as recorded by the London Soviet Radio Monitor said.

Babies, Adults to Get Same Meat Rations

Washington, Feb. 12 — (AP) — Babies, children, and adults all will get the same meat allowance when the rationing plan goes into operation, now expected about March 28.

Officials of the Office of Price Administration said today they had failed to find any sensible or workable plan of graduating meat rations according to age, and are making final plans on the basis of everyone getting the same amount.

This will, in effect, give an extra allotment of meat to parents of babies. OPA wanted to avoid that, but the only alternative was not to allow any meat at all for very small children. Since teething babies consume at least a small amount of meat, especially bacon, the rejected plan would have forced parents to divide their meager rations with the small children. The mechanics of coupon rationing did not seem to permit any sliding scale.

March 28 is the date OPA is shooting at in its planning on meat. It would prefer an earlier date in the hope rationing will equalize the current supply, which is only fair in some communities and almost non-existent in others.

Delaying the program, possibly beyond March 28, are a thousand details, especially evaluation of meats in terms of points. As in the case of canned goods, which will be rationed with the same coupon book, meat rations will be so many points per month, or week, or day, and will be scaled so the average ration will be perhaps a little under two pounds a week, but more if consumers buy hamburger or liver and less if they buy steaks.

Public distribution of these ration books will begin Feb. 22.

RAF Strikes Again at Nazi Naval Base

London, Feb. 12 — (AP) — The German Naval base at Wilhelmshaven was the target of a heavy attack by the RAF last night, the air ministry announced today.

Three planes failed to return from the raid, the first night attack on the continent since Sunday when the submarine base at Lorient in occupied France was attacked.

Anzac slang for a girl or dame is a "sheila."

3 Sunk Trying to Evacuate Troops Off Guadalcanal

By The Associated Press
American bombers and torpedo planes were officially credited today with sinking three Japanese destroyers and crippling at least four others in a double-barreled attack on enemy warships desperately attempting to evacuate their troops from Guadalcanal the first week in February.

Delayed dispatches from the Prize Island, now completely in American hands after the annihilation of a 15,000-man Japanese Army said U. S. planes first attacked 20 destroyers of the Japanese "Escape Flotilla" near New Georgia Island, Feb. 4.

American dive-bombers scored three direct hits on one destroyer, sinking it in three minutes, and two other destroyers were damaged. Seventeen Japanese Zero fighters, attempting to screen the warships, were shot down, against 10 American planes listed as missing.

Dispatches said the rest of the Japanese destroyers steamed on toward Guadalcanal and were believed to have evacuated 1,000 officers and technical personnel under cover of pre-dawn darkness off Cape Esperance.

Once again U. S. airmen took up the assault, sinking two destroyers and damaging perhaps three or four others.

Estimates of Japanese losses in the six-month campaign continued to vary, ranging from 20,000 killed in land fighting alone to 50,000 in the whole land-sea-air action. Originally estimated at 15,000 troops, the Japanese Army on Guadalcanal was a vily reinforced, and Maj. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, who commanded the Marines on the island, said in Philadelphia today the enemy lost 30,000 men in a single landing attempt.

In the months of campaigning, Gen. Vandegrift added, "we took only 500 prisoners."

Maj. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, commander of U. S. Army troops in the South Pacific, said probably 2,000 Japanese, including virtually every high officer, were evacuated from the island in the week before the Americans "blotted out" the last enemy resistance.

Approximately 6,000 Japanese were reported killed in the climatic drive since Jan. 10.

On the New Guinea front, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced Allied troops had scored a decisive victory over a large Japanese force and declared the enemy was retreating toward Mubo, only 12 miles below the big Japanese base at Salamaua, leaving 1,000 dead on the battlefield.

A communique said total enemy losses, including wounded, were probably many times the number of known dead. Allied losses were officially described as relatively light.

Meanwhile, Imperial Tokyo headquarters made the totally unconfirmed claim that Japanese submarines had sunk six ships totaling 54,000 tons of the east coast of Australia since mid-January.

On the Burma front, British headquarters reported Field Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell's imperial legions, driving back into Burma from India, had thrown back a series of sharp Japanese counterattacks along the Bay of Bengal coast.

A communique said the enemy attacked in the region of Donbaik and Rathedaung, some 25 miles north of key Japanese coastal base at Akyab.

Servicemen Exempt From State Tax

Little Rock, Feb. 12 (AP) — Men and women serving in the nation's armed forces will not have to pay a state income tax on their military pay under a House bill by Rep. F. N. Burke, Lee county, which passed the Senate 25-0 today.

The bill carried an emergency clause and, if signed by Governor Adkins, would apply to taxes due this year.

It would not exempt from the tax income derived by such persons from sources other than their service pay and allowance.

Trucks hauling livestock, fish or agricultural commodities would be exempt from corporation commission regulation under a House bill which cleared the Senate.

Any newspaper forced to suspend publication during the war would retain its legal rights under another House bill sent to the governor.

Poet laureates in England were once paid with butts of Canary wine and a small pension.

Australia is the flattest and driest of continents.

Social and Personal

Daisy Dorothy Heard, Editor
Phone 768 Between 8 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Social Calendar

Friday, February 12th
The Friday Music club will meet at the home of Mrs. J. C. Carlton at 2 o'clock. Because of the P. A. Founders' program to be held at 3 o'clock, the regular hour was changed.
Founders' Day program and tea at the High School, 3 o'clock. All P. A. members are asked to note a change of time from 3:30 to 3 o'clock.

Members of Methodist W. S. C. S. circle 2 will make surgical dressings at the Red Cross Production rooms beginning at 9 a. m. Mrs. Henry Hill, Red Cross circle chairman announced today. All members are urged to do this volunteer work.

Monday, February 15th
Circle No. 1 of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church, home of Mrs. R. V. Herndon, Sr., 2:30 o'clock.

Circle No. 2 of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church, home of Mrs. W. R. Pruitt, 2:30 o'clock.

Circle No. 3 of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church, home of Mrs. Claud Hamilton, 2:30 o'clock.

Circle No. 4 of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church, home of Mrs. J. C. Carlton, 2:30 o'clock.

Circle No. 5 of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church, home of Mrs. Franklin Horton, 2:30 o'clock.

Red Cross Sponsored Home Nursing Course to Begin Friday
All women interested in receiving instruction in Home Nursing are urged to attend the first of a series of classes being sponsored by the Hope County Red Cross at the Red Cross Production center in the Elk's Hall Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Leon Bundy, chairman of Home Nursing, has secured the services of Registered Nurses Dorothy Porter and Mrs. Mary Mills.

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"Dr. Renaults Secret"

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RANGE
RATS!
Tim Holt
"Sagebrush Law"

Sunday - Monday
Ginger Rogers
Ray Milland
in
"The Major and The Minor"
also
Bug Parade

Phil's Bargain at Price Asked Says Branch Rickey

New York, Feb. 12 —(AP)— The Philadelphia Phils have been no bargain on the baseball field these many years, but Branch Rickey says whoever buys the club will get more than his money's worth.

The New Brooklyn Dodger head man, discussing on the plight of the National League cellar champions, opined that the sale price, officially estimated at \$300,000, was the lowest he ever heard of and offered a fine opportunity for some enterprising man to do a rebuilding job.

Rickey declared at his latest press conference that if he were buying the Phils he would figure on losing money the first three years. He set \$125,000 as the loss he might expect the first year. "Did I say loss?" he asked. "That's wrong. I should say investment, or the money you put into the club is just that. It's like buying a farm for \$50 an acre and developing it until it is worth \$250 an acre."

What the Phils need, he continued, is working capital, good management and enthusiasm. The club has practically nothing, he said, and anything that was done would be an improvement.

He pointed out that if by chance the war did stop baseball, the purchase of the Phils would be an even better investment as by the time the league started operating again all the clubs would be starting out more or less even.

Rickey ridiculed the idea of the other clubs helping out the tail-enders with players, claiming that kind of charity has no place in baseball. No club will give away players who are any good anyway, he said.

"If the new owners are looking for charity they had better be disillusioned at once," he declared. "In the 100 years of baseball there never has been any other practice than to boot the other fellow when he is down."

regret to know that she is a patient in the Michael Meagher hospital, Texarkana, where she underwent a major operation this week. Her condition is reported improved.

Communications

Aviation Cadet David Davis has been assigned to Santa Ana, Calif., for pre-flight training with the Army Air Corps. He departed from Dallas Sunday. A.C. Davis is the son of Mrs. David Davis, East 3rd street, Hope.

Coming and Going
Mrs. Franklin Horton, Mrs. A. D. Brannan, and Mrs. G. A. Hobbs were Tuesday visitors in Texarkana.

Pvt. Walter M. Harris is home for a visit with his father who is a patient in the Cora Donnell hospital, Prescott.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, Feb. 12 —(AP)— The word "morale" has taken such a beating lately that strong men sometimes shudder and turn away when they hear it. But the other night we heard it used in an "off-the-record" talk by an Army man who should know what he's saying—and he came out strongly in favor of sports as an aid to civilian and military morale.

This officer hasn't a sports background to influence him. He's a regular Army man who has seen the fighting forces of both sides in action and whose job in this war is working against the morale of the German army.

Germany, he said, has made the "mistake" of taking its athletes and entertainers out of circulation when the war began and later it was found necessary to recall some of the runners, boxers and opera singers to raise the spirits of the herrenvolk at home.

On our side, he added, sports helps to provide entertainment, like movies and the radio, besides supplying soldiers and sailors with fuel for arguments about the pennant races.

The loss of any of these things would be a real blow to the people, though hardly a fatal injury.

Soldiers in the war zone get news from home and sometimes see their home town newspapers. If they read nothing but bad news from the civilian front, it has a depressing effect on them.

From this standpoint, the officer says, sports news is good news even when your favorite team loses.

For the pat-on-the-back department he adds: "You fellows (meaning sports writers) are doing a wonderful job of keeping up morale."

Following a similar line of thought is a recent note from another officer who starts out: "Keep up the plugs for professional sports."

And adds that in his two years in the Army he never has heard a soldier make a crack about ballplayers failing to join up and that the pennant races and football "dop" are two unflinching subjects of discussion.

"The way the boys feel," he says, "the shutting down of pro and college sports would leave the newspapers with only war news and society—they would like to get away from the war news once in a while and they are not interested in the society column."

War correspondent Quent Reynolds, a former sports writer, did not use that word when he was talking at the baseball writers' dinner, but he put over the same idea when he told how England had shut

down on football and then opened up a bit and how 50,000 Russians had turned out for a championship soccer game in Moscow when the German army was only 50 miles away and how the official newspaper Pravda, had front-paged the story and printed a million extra copies to be distributed to soldiers at the front—We've heard some pretty good arguments on the other side, too, but so far the heaviest volley is for maintaining sports within reasonable limits.

The Day's Doings
Best gags heard on the sports beat: Branch Rickey's "I know a man with a good baseball background who might buy the Phils—Gerry Nugent." . . . And "Tom Meany's query when someone remarked that Eastman had okayed the Kentucky Derby: 'who'd he pick?' . . . Dr. Harold W. Weaver, the Dodgers' new trainer, coached boxing and wrestling at Mississippi State college. In Brooklyn he'll be dealing with guys who don't need coaching to go in for those exercises. . . . Now that Max and Buddy Bear are in the Army, Manager Ancil Hoffman is operating Buddy's Sacramento, Calif., spot.

Basketball Results
By The Associated Press
Georgetown 52; Fordham 49 South

Louisiana State 91; Tulane 57 Duquesne 35; North Carolina Navy Pre-Flight 125 Midwest

Great Lakes 56; Michigan State 38 Oklahoma A and M 40; Olathe (Kas.) Naval Air Station 36 Kansas Wesleyan 50; Ottawa Uni 34

Southwestern 70; Emporia State (Kas.) 55 York (Neb.) 84; Hastings 53 Maryville (Mo.) TCHRS 49; Schoeltes 44

St. Ambrose 76; Penn. (Is.) 38 Southwest Baptist 28; Fort Scott (Kas.) 27

Southwest East Central Okla. 31; Phillips Uni. 27 West

Colorado 52; Naval Training Station 28 Denver Uni. 41; Greeley 38

The number of males in the United States production exceeds by 450,000 the number of women.

About one-fifth of Italy's shipping passes through the port of Genoa.

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By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, Feb. 12 —(AP)— The word "morale" has taken such a beating lately that strong men sometimes shudder and turn away when they hear it. But the other night we heard it used in an "off-the-record" talk by an Army man who should know what he's saying—and he came out strongly in favor of sports as an aid to civilian and military morale.

This officer hasn't a sports background to influence him. He's a regular Army man who has seen the fighting forces of both sides in action and whose job in this war is working against the morale of the German army.

Germany, he said, has made the "mistake" of taking its athletes and entertainers out of circulation when the war began and later it was found necessary to recall some of the runners, boxers and opera singers to raise the spirits of the herrenvolk at home.

On our side, he added, sports helps to provide entertainment, like movies and the radio, besides supplying soldiers and sailors with fuel for arguments about the pennant races.

The loss of any of these things would be a real blow to the people, though hardly a fatal injury.

Soldiers in the war zone get news from home and sometimes see their home town newspapers. If they read nothing but bad news from the civilian front, it has a depressing effect on them.

From this standpoint, the officer says, sports news is good news even when your favorite team loses.

For the pat-on-the-back department he adds: "You fellows (meaning sports writers) are doing a wonderful job of keeping up morale."

Following a similar line of thought is a recent note from another officer who starts out: "Keep up the plugs for professional sports."

And adds that in his two years in the Army he never has heard a soldier make a crack about ballplayers failing to join up and that the pennant races and football "dop" are two unflinching subjects of discussion.

"The way the boys feel," he says, "the shutting down of pro and college sports would leave the newspapers with only war news and society—they would like to get away from the war news once in a while and they are not interested in the society column."

War correspondent Quent Reynolds, a former sports writer, did not use that word when he was talking at the baseball writers' dinner, but he put over the same idea when he told how England had shut

down on football and then opened up a bit and how 50,000 Russians had turned out for a championship soccer game in Moscow when the German army was only 50 miles away and how the official newspaper Pravda, had front-paged the story and printed a million extra copies to be distributed to soldiers at the front—We've heard some pretty good arguments on the other side, too, but so far the heaviest volley is for maintaining sports within reasonable limits.

The Day's Doings
Best gags heard on the sports beat: Branch Rickey's "I know a man with a good baseball background who might buy the Phils—Gerry Nugent." . . . And "Tom Meany's query when someone remarked that Eastman had okayed the Kentucky Derby: 'who'd he pick?' . . . Dr. Harold W. Weaver, the Dodgers' new trainer, coached boxing and wrestling at Mississippi State college. In Brooklyn he'll be dealing with guys who don't need coaching to go in for those exercises. . . . Now that Max and Buddy Bear are in the Army, Manager Ancil Hoffman is operating Buddy's Sacramento, Calif., spot.

Basketball Results
By The Associated Press
Georgetown 52; Fordham 49 South

Louisiana State 91; Tulane 57 Duquesne 35; North Carolina Navy Pre-Flight 125 Midwest

Great Lakes 56; Michigan State 38 Oklahoma A and M 40; Olathe (Kas.) Naval Air Station 36 Kansas Wesleyan 50; Ottawa Uni 34

Southwestern 70; Emporia State (Kas.) 55 York (Neb.) 84; Hastings 53 Maryville (Mo.) TCHRS 49; Schoeltes 44

St. Ambrose 76; Penn. (Is.) 38 Southwest Baptist 28; Fort Scott (Kas.) 27

Southwest East Central Okla. 31; Phillips Uni. 27 West

Colorado 52; Naval Training Station 28 Denver Uni. 41; Greeley 38

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Porker-Longhorn Cage Game May Decide Title

Austin, Tex., Feb. 12 —(AP)— The battle for the Southwest Conference basketball title probably will be clarified by the two - game series starting tonight between the co-leaders, Arkansas Razorbacks and Texas Longhorns.

A clean sweep by either team would put it in a dominant position to withstand the challenge of any other club, split series would weaken the bid of both teams and probably pave the way for another loop member to come into the lead.

Probable lineups:
Arkansas Wilson Texas Fitzgerald

Bradley overall
Carpenter Hargis

Nance Branahney

Residents to Get Chance to See Derby

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 12 —(AP)— The decision to make the Kentucky Derby this year a strictly hometown affair, a move to conserve transportation, means that probably thousands of Louisvillians will see the great classic of American racing for the first time next May 1.

When Joseph B. Eastman, director of Defense Transportation, approved the management's plan to localize Derby attendance, Louisville fans were enveloped in a glow of satisfaction — even though they understood that most of the "Derby glamor" was likely to be missing this year.

Mayor Wilson Wyatt explained it this way:

"So many people who have lived here for years never got near Churchill Downs on Derby day because they didn't care to buck the crowd away out of town. And thousands who did get to the track never saw the race because the crowd was too big for everyone to get a view of the track."

"Now for the first time in years, all our home folks who want to will get a chance to enjoy the Derby."

Col. Matt J. Winn, president of Churchill Downs and impresario of the Derby since 1903, announced from Chicago that 15,000 derby seats, never before available here, were being released for sale to Louisville residents.

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Baptist Bible Conference to Be Held Here

The Southwest District Bible Conference of the Arkansas Baptist Convention will be held in the First Baptist Church Monday, February 15th through Friday noon, February 19th with the opening session Monday evening at 7:30 p. m.

The Bible teacher throughout the conference will be Dr. W. E. Denham, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Montgomery, Alabama. Other outstanding speakers whose names appear on the conference program are: Dr. B. V. Ferguson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas and Dr. Porter M. Bailes, pastor of the First Baptist Church Tyler, Texas.

The public is cordially invited to attend these conferences.

Church News

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Third and Main Streets
Rev. W. R. Hamilton, pastor
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School assemblies for the study of God's word.

10:30 a. m.—Morning Worship with Dr. O. J. Wade, President of Central Baptist College, Conway, Arkansas, as the guest speaker.

6:30 p. m.—General Assembly of the Baptist Training Union followed by departmental meetings.

7:30 p. m.—Evening Worship with Dr. O. J. Wade as guest speaker. The public is cordially invited to attend all services of the First Baptist Church.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Pine at Second
Robert B. Moore, pastor
Chimes—9:30 a. m.
Church School—10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship—10:50 a. m.
Special Music.
Sermon by the Pastor.
Vesper Service—5:30 p. m.
Sermon by the pastor.
Youth Fellowship—6:30 p. m.
Mrs. R. E. Jackson, speaker.
Choir Practice—Thursday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Corner 5th and Grady
Taylor Davis, Min.
9:45 a. m.—Bible classes.
10:45 a. m.—Devotional.
11:00 a. m.—Preaching.
6:35 p. m.—Vocal class.
7:30 p. m.—Preaching.
7:45 p. m.—Wednesday Prayer meeting.
You are cordially invited to attend.

UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. T. Gilmore, pastor
Unity Church located on South Elm Street invites you to worship with her each Lords Day morning at ten o'clock and at seven thirty in the evening. Sunday School at ten o'clock. Preaching at eleven. At seven thirty in the evening the training course begins and preaching at eight thirty. On Wednesday night at eight, a study in the travel of the Hebrew Children, Monday afternoon the auxiliary meets at the church.

GUERNSEY
The Rev. W. R. Hamilton will preach in the Guernsey School Building at 3:15 Sunday afternoon following the

Women of Arkansas!

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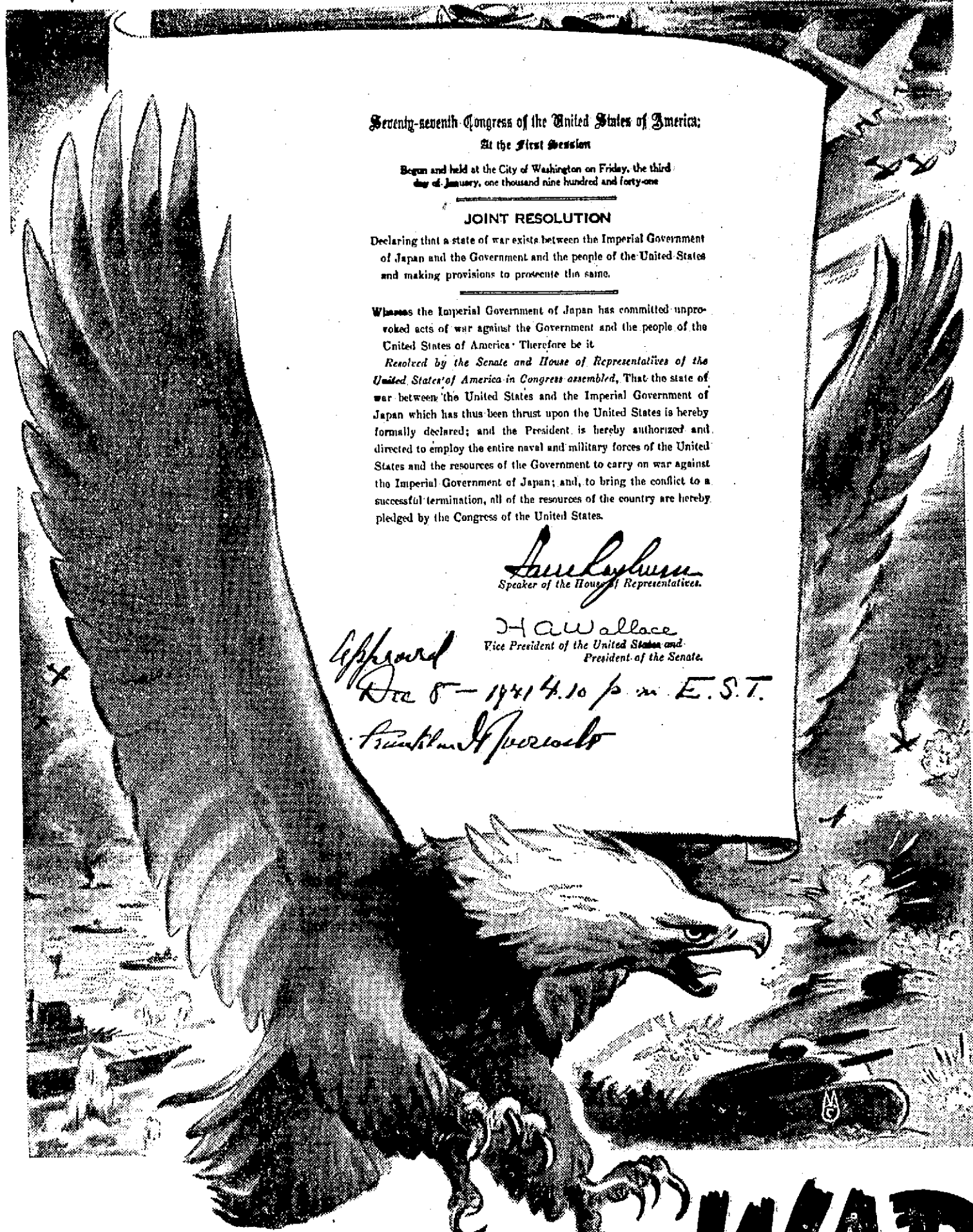


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MAKE YOUR OWN
Declaration of **WAR**

If you are an American woman between 20 and 49, and in good health, and have a burning desire to do your bit to help win this war, then go to your nearest Navy Recruiting Station for full information as to what you can do. That's right, make your own declaration of war on the Axis.



Now Don't Tell a Soul I Told You

But where else can you earn up to \$126 a month, above room, board, clothing and medical care. And, did you know that there are now thousands of Navy men ashore who should be shooting down enemy planes, as shown above, or blasting an enemy carrier, as pictured below. Just think, you can release a man to do his job.



Navy Recruiting Stations are located in Post Office Buildings in Texarkana, El Dorado, Arkadelphia, Fort Smith and Fayetteville; in the Forestry Building in Russellville, and the DONAGHEY TRUST BUILDING, LITTLE ROCK.

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Bill Approved to Curb High Ore Grading

Little Rock, Feb. 12 (AP)—As the practice of "high grading" in small quantities was costing the state millions of dollars in lost taxes, the Senate today approved a bill to curb the practice.

Kidd said miners and others familiar with the Cinnabara area were "high grading," and that because mercury brings \$193 a pint from war industries, losses were running into hundreds of dollars.

His bill would license persons buying a selling mercury, requiring them to keep detailed records of all transactions in order to help trace stolen ore.

The Senate passed without dissent a bill by Sen. Ernest Maner, Hot Springs, to raise the salaries of clerks in the county school superintendents' offices from \$720 to \$1000 a year.

Sen. S. L. Richardson, Walnut Ridge, who attacked the University of Arkansas Medical school in debate Tuesday, told the upper House it had not been his intention to accuse any student of being a slacker, but to charge that "the way they run that school, the policy they have adopted of refusing to accept girls students, makes it a haven for slackers—that is, that any man who wants to dodge the Army can do so by enrolling at the school."

A Senate bill abolishing the state veterinary examining board and all license fees to practice veterinary medicine passed 22-3. Proponents said the state needed more veterinarians because of the war, that present restrictions prevented many capable men from entering the profession and that the state board had asked for the bill.

A resolution by Rep. Russell Turnipseed, Sebastian, authorizing an investigation of the State Bureau of Vital Statistics was adopted.

The Senate also adopted a resolution by Rep. Rupert Condrey, Sebastian, asking Congress to create a pharmacy corps in the armed forces.

A compromise bill to give widows of retired teachers a claim to their husband's teachers pension passed 21-5. It was sponsored by Sens. Gear Houston, Heber Springs, Dick Mason, Camden, and Albert Middleton, Mena. To be eligible for the pension the widow must have been married to a teacher for 15 years prior to his death, and not herself be drawing a teacher's pension.

Home Nursing Classes Start February 12

Home Nursing Classes will begin Friday night, February 12, at 7:30 p.m. They will be held at the Elks Hall building in the front room downstairs. A registered nurse will have charge of the class and certificates will be issued to all who complete the course.

Those interested in the course should attend the first class where all details for future classes will be worked out. Text books will be loaned to all taking the course free of charge. Anyone wishing to own a text can purchase it for \$1.00. One or more persons from every home in Hope and Hempstead County should take this course in Home Nursing, which is free of any cost.

For further information, call Mrs. Leon Bundy, Phone 138, or Mrs. C. R. Hamilton, Phone 647, or see other members of the Home Nursing Committee: Miss Ruth Taylor, Mrs. Claude Whitehurst, Mrs. J. O. Milan, Mrs. E. A. Morani, and Mrs. S. D. Cook.

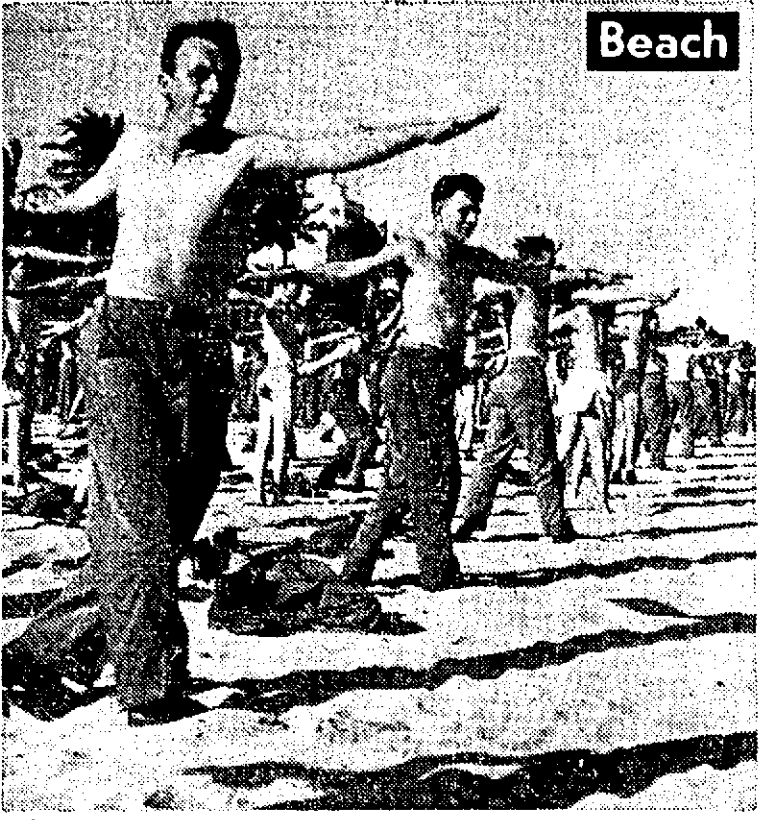
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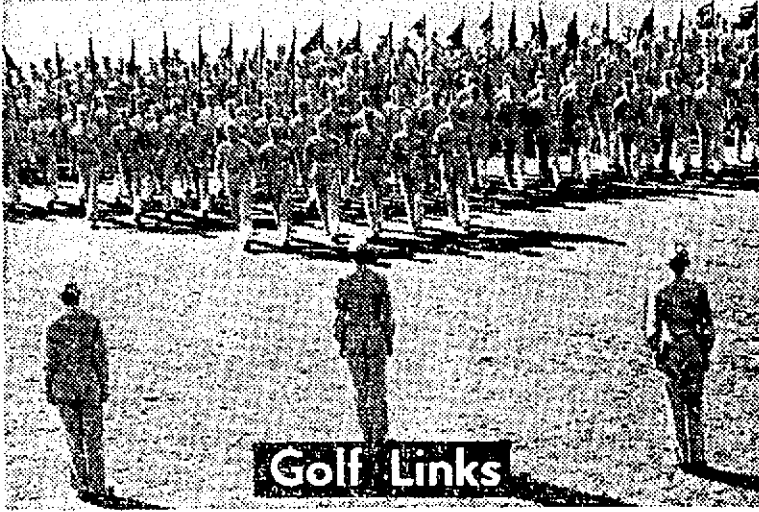
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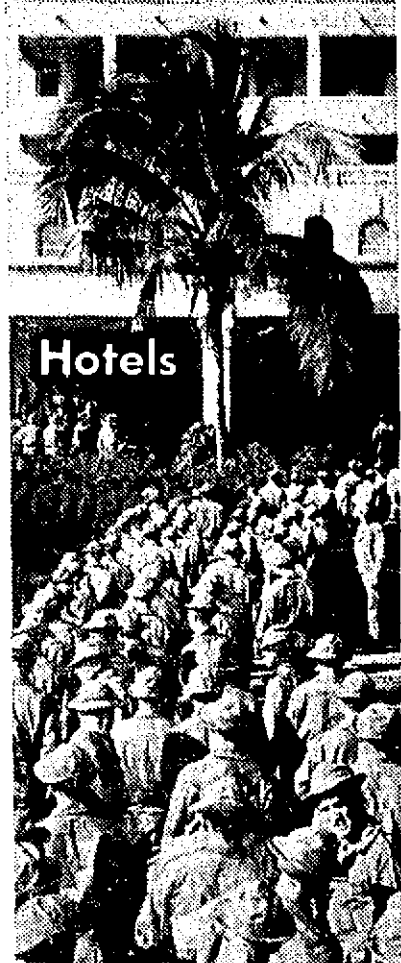
Gone Is Lazy Luxury of Miami Beach as Soldiers Jam Hotels, Drill in Streets, Study in Night Clubs



Beach



Golf Links



Hotels

Miami Beach, once a languid and luxurious playground, is just one big Army camp now. In the beach itself, famed for its sunbathing, sunbathing beauties, thousands of soldiers now exercise briskly. On palm-bordered golf courses, troops parade and practice Commando tactics. There are no vacancies at more than 260 of the largest hotels, where men of the Air Forces Technical Training Command are quartered, some of them six to each room.

By PAUL HARRISON
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

Miami Beach, Fla., Feb. 12.—They've yanked down the signs that used to welcome tourists to America's Tropic Paradise—the Land of Sun and Fun.

They've posted the streets with notices that it's now a Restricted Military Zone. The speed limit is 15 miles an hour, but the cadence of existence has quickened to double-time.

Only about a year ago, lyric promoters still were describing this spot as a Languid Playground of Dreamy Enchantment, but life now begins on Miami Beach at the unearthly hour of 5:45 a.m.

Civilian residents and the few visitors here are startled from sleep by the shrilling of sergeant's whistles—"Roll Out!"—and many thousands of men hit the bare floor of more than 260 hotels. Doors slam, windows bang—"G'mon, hurry it up!"—and into the dark streets stream officer trainees and recruits of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command. Up and down the boulevards, they form lines, call rolls, and tramp away to breakfast.

Commade Links
So it goes all day. Motor convoys roll along the boulevards, and columns of briskly marching men move almost continually to and from classes, drills and mess.

Twice a day the beach is filled for a good half mile by bronzed men who exercise according to stentorian orders from a string of loud-speakers. Detachments of recruits learn close-order drill in parking areas and vacant lots. Part of a golf course is devoted to Commando training, and soldiers parade, deploy and charge over other links and parks. The Air Force band practices twice daily.

Normally Miami Beach is supposed to have about 23,000 permanent residents, but these are not much in evidence. I talked with one businessman whose wife is planning a trip to Kansas City for a vacation and a rest. He said: "We're not kidding, because without the Army this town would have been bankrupt by now. But it's no winter resort any more; it's a last resort."

Doormen Sentries
"We can't drive a car here, or get near a bar, or find room to dance. We can't go into a movie or even find a seat in a bus. And unless we keep Army hours, going to bed at 10 and getting up at 6, we can't sleep. My wife says the Army has made its bedlam, but she isn't going to lie awake in it."

From coral lobbies to azure penthouses practically all of the largest hotels on Miami Beach have been taken over by the Army. Sentries have replaced doorman, and they're still turning away occasional visitors who want to inquire about rates. Inside, the lobbies are start-

lingly barren of furnishings, and the gilt and crystal and vari-colored tile look cold and garish. Instead of sleek and obsequious assistant managers, uniformed clerks now work behind the desks, sorting mail and laboriously typing reports.

Hotels still open to the public are mostly small, out-of-the-way places which didn't fit into the Air Force plans for its training establishment. Surf Club Messhall

The Army also has leased 1500 apartment units. Much of the apartment and hotel space not controlled outright by the government is rented privately by groups of bachelor officers, or by officers and their families. The elegant Roney-Plaza, although left under private management, is virtually an officer's club. A civilian applying for a room there feels as out-of-place as a spinster trying to book passage on a liner converted to a military transport.

The need for large messhall and classroom space has led to the taking over of several automobile showrooms, the Terrace (largest of restaurants), and the famous Surf Club, formerly a swanky gambling spot.

Recruits from the Basic Training Centers take their IQ tests in a church. And at the huge Nautilus Hotel church services are held in the former cocktail bar. Incidentally, future tourists never again will stay at the Nautilus here or at the big Miami-Biltmore over in Coral Gables. Both have been bought outright and will be operated during and after the war as government hospitals.

Bathing Beauty Survives
By day, officers and officer candidates attend classes in several night clubs, such as the Latin Quarter, the Five O'clock and Pago-Pago, each rented by the Air Force for \$60 a month. When the lectures are over, in late afternoon, bartenders and waiters rush in to open the places for the more profitable evening's business.

Dozens of new bars have replaced some of the uppy little shops and beauty saloons along Collins Avenue and Lincoln Road. Remaining merchants seem to specialize mostly in uniforms, photo portraits, raincoats, souvenirs and food. Jewelers are doing all right, too; there are as many as eight to ten wedding rings a day with soldier bridegrooms. Girls come to Miami to visit their fiancés, get married, find jobs as waitresses or stenographers and maintain small apartments.

Most of Miami Beach's actual beach still is open to civilians during daylight hours, and the resort's famous bathing beauties still may be seen posing there for Pressagent Steve Hammagan's photographers. He wants to be sure that nobody has forgotten this tropical glamour when the lights go on again along the coast.

Abner Hervey Ends Primary Training
Oxnard, Calif., Feb. 7.—Aviation Cadet Abner D. Hervey, nephew of Mrs. W. R. Orton of 1503 West 7th St., Little Rock, Arkansas has completed his primary flying training at the Seventh Army Air Forces Flying Training Detachment here. He is now receiving his basic instruction at the Army Air Forces Basic Flying School Gardner Field, Taft, California. While training at the Seventh Army Air Forces Flying Training Detachment Cadet Hervey received the Gold Star for a perfect safety record.

American bomber speeds have been stepped up from a maximum of about 170 miles an hour in 1928, to more than 300 m.p.h.

Drunks Wait In Jail For Someone To Blow

Hickory, N. C. (AP)—Three men charged with drunkenness overstayed their time in jail three hours—all because something went wrong with the lock and the pailer had to use a blow torch to break in and let them out.

Hollywood

By ROBBIN COONS
Wide World Features Writer

Hollywood — Sir Cedric Hardwicke, a very droll fellow, had always been curious about producers. He had suspected, privately of course, that producing was a racket.

The distinguishing feature of this racket in Sir Cedric's estimate, was that the racketeer sat at a big desk with buttons to push and a secretary outside to keep people out while he pushed them. But then...

Sir Cedric (who likes to be called "Mr. Hardwicke" or "Deedric") became one. A producer, in a private office, with buttons to push and a secretary outside to keep people out while he pushed them.

"So I pushed the buttons, and what happened? Nothing. As for the secretary," he relates now, "I didn't know what to do with her." Sir Cedric — now, let's call him Mr. Hardwicke — does not consider his experience typical. He is only happy that he has been restored to the ranks of full-time actors, and that the film for which he served as producer, "Forever and a Day," is on its way to the Allied World's projection machines.

"Forever and a Day" took that long to make. Well, not quite. But two years was long enough. Plenty long for Mr. Hardwicke's button-pushing finger, which is still sore. Of the results, Mr. Hardwicke opines dryly: "I will now give you some producer talk. It is the great colossal (that I am now being measured for cigars.)"

You've doubtless heard of the film already. It's a picture "contributed" by British film colonists for war charity. Financed and distributed by RKO, it has an all-star, mostly British cast, all-star direction, and represents the work of 50 writers. All worked free. Profits in each country where it is shown will go to charities in that country. Alfred Hitchcock, Edmund Goulding and Hardwicke became a sort of producing committee, and sequences in a necessarily episode story were directed by Herbert Wilcox, Victor Saville, Rene Clair, Goulding, Frank Lloyd, Robert Stevenson and Hardwicke.

I've seen the film, which is the story of a London home from its erection in 1804 through the London blitz, and can recommend it as the best picture ever made. It is so decidedly worthy of attention, particularly the Ida Lupino Brian sequence and the 1917 sequence with Merle Oberon, Robert Cummings, Roland Young, Gladys Cooper. Part of the film's appeal is novelty — seeing fellows like Victor McLaglen, Charles Laughton, Herbert Marshall and the like playing bits.

Hollywood "Jane Eyre" is barely in production, but I've just seen a preview so complete that I'm afraid the actual film may be an anti-climax.

Scene by scene, Charlotte Bronte's novel about the lovelorn governess and the forbidding, morose Rochester with the secret in the attic was finished before a camera was turned, even before the players were cast.

"Jane Eyre" has been produced, with all details of lighting, close and long shots and camera angles, on drawing paper. All the preview lacks is dialogue and motion — and Joan Fontaine and Orson Welles in the leading roles. The whole story has been told in a series of 485 drawings, in sequence.

William Pereira, the architect, did them. And he and "Jane Eyre" have brought Art to the 20th Century-Fox studios, home of the boy-meet-girl musicals, the epic westerns, and — with some exceptions like "Grapes of Wrath" and "The Pied Piper" — the moon-pitcher as opposed to the cinema.

"Jane" is really an adopted child at 20. She was sold down the river by David O. Selznick in that big deal transferring all his story properties and services of his contract players to the Anuck lot. "Jane" settled down in her new quarters to the silent amazement of the old inhabitants. Robert Stevenson, who is directing, John Houseman and Idous Huxley have been working on the script for two years, whittling here and polishing there. The polished script came over intact, after which Huxley returned to shine it up some more.

There's Class all over the joint. Orson Welles has outdone himself in taking up space. He is spread out between Shirley Temple's old bungalow, a suite of offices in the administration building, a second bungalow, for his radio writers, and more offices for his press agent. He is simultaneously espousing the simple life by using a horse — and buggy for getting a round, and keeping white rats for pets.

Oscar-winning Miss Fontaine is Class, too — especially since winning the Oscar. It's nothing but the best for Joan now. But those 485 pre-production sketches, in sequence, really set the standard.

Gene Tierney, unlike Joan Fontaine whose pictures now are hand-picked, ought to get some kind of Oscar for survival. Beginning with "Belle Starr," Gene has had a succession of films ranging from mediocre to terrible ("The Shanghai Gesture") to passing fair, and yet she has built a box office following.

Given the right picture, she can click in a large way. She can't act? Neither could Joan, when she was in the mediocre pictures.

Who Says It's Cold?



Hardy members of a Soviet tank crew wash up in that nice cold snow before going out to clean up on the Germans in central Russia.

Young Group of Christian Church to Meet

Young people from the Christian Churches of Southwest Arkansas will meet at the First Christian Church Saturday for their annual Youth Fellowship Meet.

Frank Driscoll is the youth president of the district. Mrs. Wilma Ruth Maledon, Secretary of Missionary Organizations in Arkansas, is director of the four Youth Meets that are being held in the State this month. Besides these, other out-of-town leaders expected to be present, are Dr. Paul D. Kennedy, State Secretary-Director of Religious Education for Arkansas and Louisiana, Rev. Louis Saunders, Chairman State Youth Committee, and Rev. E. S. Worden, chairman Southwest District Youth Committee.

"Our Other American Friends" will be the special topic of study for the Meet. Registration is at 9:45 a. m., and the first session begins with a worship program at 10:00 o'clock, conducted by the Hope Young People. A luncheon will be served at the church. The afternoon session closes with a social hour and refreshments at 4:00 o'clock.

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Sure been a great year for crops, Judge... best we've had in quite a spell."

"That's true, Henry... all over the country. As a matter of fact, there's been quite a surplus supply of grain according to some figures I saw in one of your farm papers the other day. But that surplus is being used to mighty good advantage and is making the contribution of you farmers to the war effort

more important than ever.

"Here's just one example of what I mean. The beverage distilling industry alone will use 100,000,000 bushels of this surplus to make alcohol seriously needed by the government for gunpowder, synthetic rubber, chemicals and medical supplies.

"So, keep it growin' Henry... you're doing a great job."

Conference of Alcoholic Beverage Industries, Inc.



The AP reports America's wars—4

On June 28, 1914, AP man Robert Alter stepped into a Vienna cable office and dispatched the story that shook the world—the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand. "Another mess in the Balkans" readers commented, but that dispatch became the lead to a story that never ended.

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It was the graphic eye-witness stories of AP's Hendrick Van Loon and George A. Schreiner out of Belgium that started the American Belgian Relief Drive. The bloody Russian revolution which broke on Nov. 7, 1917, proved how accurately the AP staff at Petrograd had reported conditions and in the Egypto-Arabic theater AP's Dewitt Mackenzie was the only American reporter.

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